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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH FOODGRAIN SITUATION

REF: (A) DACCA 2438; (B) DACCA 2440; (C) DACCA 2683

1. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S CONFIRMING ASAP THAT THE DATA DRAWN FROM REFTELS, ON BANGLADESH FOODGRAIN SITUATION IS STILL VALID. WE INTEND TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT WITH VISITING BANGLADESHI DCMLA ADMIRAL KHAN NEXT WEEK, SO NEED TO ASCERTAIN THAT DATA REPRESENTS MOST CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION. WE ARE REPORTING ON KHAN'S CALL ON MR. HABIB BY SEPTEL.

2. COMPREHENSIVE DATA IS AS FOLLOWS:

(READING IN COLUMS OF FIVE)
MONTH, OPENING STOCK, PROCUREMENT, ARRIVALS, OFFTAKES,
MAY, 366, 25, 155, 115
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JUNE, 431, 5, 262, 125 JULY, 573, 0, 188, 145 AUGUST, 616, 0, 127, 150 SEPT, 593, 0, 112, 155 OCT, 550, 0, 185, 165 NOV, 570, 35, 56, 140 DEC, 521, 115, 0, 100 PROBABLE BUT UNSCHEDULED NA, NA, 145, NA, TOTALS 0, 180, 1230, 1095 CLOSING STOCK DECEMBER 31, 1977 - 681.

3. ARRIVAL DATA DRAWN FROM DACCA 2438, FOLLOWS:

MONTH DONOR/SOURCE COMMODITY QUANTITY (THOUSAND TONS)

MAY EEC WHEAT 50

COMMERCIAL

PURCHASES RICE 80

WHEAT 25

- - - - TOTAL 155

JUNE EEC WHEAT 50

FRG WHEAT 40

USA WHEAT 92 WFP WHEAT 35

COMMERCIAL

PURCHASES WHEAT 25

RICE 20

- - - - TOTAL 262

JULY EEC WHEAT

USA WHEAT 108

WFP WHEAT 30

- - - - TOTAL 188

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AUGUST AUSTRALIA WHEAT 50

UK WHEAT 20

USA WHEAT 57

- - - - TOTAL 127

SEPT. CANADA WHEAT

JAPAN RICE 12

WFP WHEAT

- - - - TOTAL 112

OCTOBER CANADA WHEAT

USA RICE

WHEAT 25

- - - - TOTAL 185

NOV. ITALY RICE 6

USA WHEAT

- - - - TOTAL 5

- 4. WE NOTE THAT A.V.M. MAHMOOD HAS PROJECTED A LESS AMBITIOUS DOMESTIC PROCUREMENT PROGRAM (DACCA 1942) THAN THAT CONTAINED IN DACCA 2440, AND WOULD WELCOME COMMENT.
- 5. WE ARE ALSO IN RECEIPT OF WEEKLY FOOD SIT REP OF MAY
- 3. THIS, TOO, APPEARS TO VARY FROM FOREGOING. PLEASE HELP US PUT THIS IN CONTEXT.
- 6. IF THERE IS ANYTHING IN THE FOREGOING, E.G. REVISED OFFTAKE ESTIMATES, WHICH WE SHOULD NOT SHARE WITH KHAN, PLEASE SO STATE. CHRISTOPHER

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